

MISCELLANEOUS READING

FOREIGN NEWS.

Although the concessions of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria have had no effect favorable to his Government, it is now certain that he will listen to no proposition from any source whatever tending to a sale of the Venetian territory. An expedition of volunteers is being organized in Italy, whose leading spirit is the Count of Cavour. The determination is fixed to attack the terrible quadrilateral at all hazards. On the other hand Hungary, Croatia, and other provinces of the Austrian Empire are in a state of the greatest agitation, which promises hot work in a short time hence. The excitement and almost open rebellion in Hungary have occasioned a ministerial crisis at Vienna.

The Cologne Gazette confirms the reports that France and England have agreed respecting Italian affairs on the basis of Lord John Russell's latest manifesto upon the subject, to wit:—The formal proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy is only awaited for the sending of plenipotentiary ambassadors to the Court of King Victor Emmanuel. The question of Venetia is positively stated to be before the Western Powers, and with a reasonable chance of a pacific solution. Prussia and even Russia have resolved, and we are told to recognise the new Kingdom of Italy.

Rotation in office does not appear to meet with much favor in republican Switzerland, or at the late elections on the 7th instant, for president and members of the Federal Council (Cabinet), the old officers were re-elected—several of whom have been re-elected every three years, and have served even since the adoption of the present Federal constitution in 1848.

The Empress Eugenie is still in England; she has visited Manchester, Ledmington, and one or two other places, and has paid a hasty visit to the Queen, at Windsor, where she was cordially received. Her reception

The state of affairs has very much improved in Syria, owing to the good understanding between the French and the Turkish authorities.

The population of Pekin and its suburbs exceeded two millions. Sixteen gates communicate between the suburbs and the two cities, one on either side of the wall; on each gate is a party of soldiers, who act as policemen. The principal streets, especially in the northern portion, are wide and handsome, but the greater part of both the towns consists of narrow, dirty, crowded lanes, rendered yet more disagreeable by the numerous hucksters, trades and cook-shops established on the narrow pavements.

Macaulay held the opinion that active life and literary pursuits are necessarily incompatible with the life of a soldier.

A LECTURE for the benefit of the Choir, will be delivered by REV. JOHN LANAHAN, in a Methodist Episcopal Church, on MONDAY EVENING, the 31st instant, at 7 o'clock. The subject of the Lecture will be:—"*The Eternity of Nature*."
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